



## About This Area

Harry S. Truman Reservoir management lands consist of 58,133 acres distributed around the reservoir in parts of Henry, Benton, Hickory and St. Clair counties in west central Missouri. The reservoir lies within the upper Osage River basin where the Ozarks meet the Plains.

Historically, Native Americans occupying this area were principally Osage, Shawnee and Kickapoo. Early explorers and pioneers making their way west traveled the basin, while the French trapped along the Osage River and traded with the Indians. Place names like Marais des Cygnes, Marmaton, Pomme de Terre and Thibaut are vivid reminders of the early French influence in the Upper Osage Valley.

## Nearby Department Areas:

Mora Conservation Area  
Hi Lonesome Conservation Area  
Edmondson Access  
Carpenter Memorial Conservation Area  
Big Buffalo Creek Conservation Area  
Brickley Hollow Access  
Lost Valley Fish Hatchery

## For local information, contact:

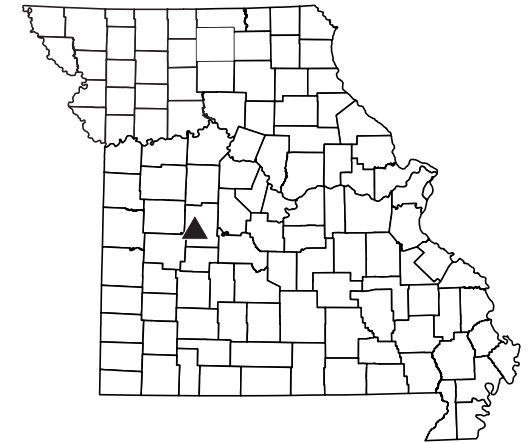
Department of Conservation  
2010 South Second Street  
Clinton, MO 64735  
660-885-6981

Land surrounding Harry S. Truman Reservoir Management Lands belongs to private landowners. The boundaries adjoining private property are clearly marked. Please respect landowners' rights with these simple courtesies: obtain permission before going on private property, pick up all litter, be careful with fire, do not damage property, practice safe hunting.

Your comments and suggestions regarding area facilities and management are welcome.

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**Brush Creek, Leesville, Little Tebo  
Creek, Tebo Islands, and Upper  
Tebo Creek Wildlife Management  
Areas**



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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at [www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp).) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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## Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching - Fishing - Hunting - Hiking -  
Wildlife Viewing - Outdoor Photography

*Conservation areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.  
except for authorized camping, fishing, and hunting  
activities.*

## Rules and Regulations

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- No ATV's except for Corps of Engineers  
Cooper Creek ATV Area.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to authorized  
roadways and parking areas.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed  
or confined when not being trained or used for  
hunting.
- No collecting artifacts or any other activity that  
damages or disturbs historical or archeological  
features.
- Destroying, cutting, or removing vegetation  
is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild  
greens and mushrooms may be taken only for  
personal consumption.
- Horseback riding is permitted only on roads  
open to vehicles.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads  
year-round. Service roads can be located at  
<https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Camping is permitted only in Corps of  
Engineers developed campgrounds and Cross  
Timbers Access.
- Target shooting is permitted only on designated  
public shooting ranges. The nearest range is the  
Golden Valley Shooting Range located 6 miles  
west of Clinton on Highway 18. **The Range is  
closed to the public every Wednesday for main-  
tenance.**

- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

## Hunting

*Areas are open under statewide regulations, except for  
the following special regulations that apply to all areas.*

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to  
annual changes. Refer to Spring Turkey or Fall  
Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only  
from Sept. 1 through Jan. 31 on areas where deer  
hunting is allowed, by special use permit, or except  
as otherwise authorized. Unattended stands must  
be plainly labeled on a durable material with the  
full name and address, or Conservation Number,  
of the owner and be removed from the area before  
February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any  
material or method that would damage the tree is  
prohibited.
- Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be  
removed from the area daily and may not be left  
unattended between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and  
4:00 a.m. Blinds may not be constructed on-site  
from woody vegetation except for willows.  
(See the **Corps of Engineers Truman Project  
Waterfowl Hunting Blind Policy**).
- Trapping furbearers allowed only by Special Use  
Permit.



## Fishing

All water beyond the designated reservoir boundary  
are open to statewide regulations.

## Truman Lake

See the **Wildlife Code** for fishing regulations on  
Truman Reservoir.

## Area Ponds

- Area ponds are open to fishing year round,  
except for those designated closed by posting.
- In ponds, fish may be taken only by pole and  
line and no more than three poles and lines may  
be used by any one person.
- In area ponds all black bass between 12 and 15  
inches must be released unharmed immediately  
after being caught.
- Daily limits are six black bass, four catfish, 30  
crappie, and 20 of all other fish combined.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken dur-  
ing the statewide season only by hand, handnet,  
atlatl, gig, bow, snagging, snaring, grabbing, pole  
and line, a twenty-two (.22) caliber or smaller  
rimfire rifle or pistol, pellet gun, or crossbow and  
only on and within dates and hours those waters  
are open to fishing or hunting. An artificial light  
may be used. Season: Sunset June 30 through  
Oct. 31. Daily limit 8.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tad-  
poles, is prohibited on all lakes and ponds, except  
as otherwise provided in this chapter.
- Boats, including sailboats, may be used on  
lakes and ponds designated as open to boats.  
Boats may not be left unattended overnight.  
Electric motors only are allowed.
- No swimming allowed in area ponds.

*The information in this brochure relates to the por-  
tion of the land around Truman Reservoir which  
the Missouri Department of Conservation manages.  
Please contact the Corps of Engineers for regula-  
tions on the remainder of the land around Truman  
Reservoir.*